(b) whether the D.G. Health Services approved the proposal for providing the residential telephone facility to these doctors in the month of October, 2001 and the same has been delayed; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when this facility is likely to be provided to the ISM& H doctors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) A proposal for providing residential telephone to eligible ISM&H physicians was mooted by the Department of ISM&H on 14.9.2001.

(b) and (c) The proposal was approved in principle by DGHS in October, 2001. However, the proposal after approval of Finance Division was sent to Department of ISM&H on 14.5.2002 for issue of order. The order was issued on 30.5.2002.

Herbs Park at NIH

1968. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Herbs Park attached to the National Institute of Homoeopathy is being maintained properly;

(b) if so, how many species of useful medicinal herbs are there in the Park at Kalyani, West Bengal;

(c) whether these herbs and plants of geographical identity are well recorded and documented to suit the new patent regime; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) and (b) So far, 82 species of indigenous medicinal plants and 7 exotic plants have been cultivated in the Herbs Park.

(c) and (d) Though these herbs and plants have been listed, a lot of documentation still needs to be done to suit the patent requirements.